

**EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
February 26, 2014 Minutes**

East Bradford Township Parks and Recreation Board met on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 7:30 pm, in the East Bradford Township Building, 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, Chester County, Pa., 19380.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Marianne Bausinger, Chairperson	Michael Colley	Joe Hamel
John Dwyer	John Fidler	
John Spangler	Ash Swayne	

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT** - Tony Blanco & Bradley Titus

**STAFF/PROFESSIONALS PRESENT**

Tenley Adams, Administrative Assistant  
John Snook, Supervisor

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Resident & Eagle Scout Candidate John Houston; residents Matt Potter and Rich Perrin.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 7:30 pm by Marianne Bausinger, Chairperson.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the January 29, 2014 minutes was motioned by John Dwyer and seconded by Ash Swayne, with all in favor.

**SOCIAL MEDIA** – Mrs. Bausinger discussed the most recent Chairpersons Meeting that was held on February 17. Ash Swayne did a presentation on Social Media which was very well received. The P& R Board is now charged with contacting other municipalities which currently have social media to get feedback on their experiences. Mr. Swayne will compile some questions to be asked of the municipalities and Mrs. Bausinger, Mr. Swayne and Mr. Fidler will contact the municipalities.

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT** - Eagle Scout candidate John Houston to discuss his proposal for the flag pole at East Bradford Park. This project has been in the planning stage for some time and is now more refined. Mr. Houston proposes to create a circular paver area around the flag pole with a radius of five feet. This area can then have benches installed to create a sitting area. The Parks & Recreation Board felt that this would be a good project and Mr. Houston will go back the Council for the necessary approval. Mr. Dwyer is his contact with the P& R Board.

**DISC GOLF** - East Bradford Resident Matt Potter returned again this month with some suggestions for a course at the Mt. Bradford Preserve. He supplied two plans, one showing a 9 hole course and one showing a 15 hole course. Resident Rich Perrin was also in attendance and discussed his experiences at playing disc golf. Overall the P & R Board felt that this might be a good use at the property, but they would still like to explore the idea and visit other disc golf courses in the area to get a better feel for the sport.

**DOG PARK** – Mrs. Bausinger explained that because of several obstacles the dog park plan for Brandywine Farm will take longer than expected and cannot get underway until possibly getting conditional use approval and /or a variance from the Zoning Hearing Board. Also the three year farm lease on the property will need to be extinguished. Because of budgeting she asked if the P & R Board would like to consider another location this year while the obstacles at Brandywine Farm are worked out. Mr. Dwyer suggested that Starr Farm be considered for development this year, which should not have the obstacles associated with the other location. The other members felt that this was an excellent option and this area had been suggested when budgeting for 2014. While they do not feel that Starr Farm would alleviate the dog problem at Shaw's Bridge Park, it may help lessen the issues at Timbertop Farm. Mr. Fidler mentioned that Starr Farm Park is currently being used as a dog park by a few people without fencing. Only a portion of

the Starr Farm Park property would need to be fenced and the balance of the property could continue to be farmed and the mowed walking path around the property would continue to be used.

On motion of Mr. Dwyer and seconded by Mr. Hamel, with all in favor it is recommended that the money budgeted for 2014 for a dog park be used to create a dog park at Starr Farm Park and that approximately four acres be fenced with areas for large and small dogs and farming be allowed to continue at the location. Also the Parks & Recreation Board recommends that the Brandywine Farm Dog Park continues to be pursued with money being included in the 2015 budget for its creation.

**FIELD USE PERMITS** – Permits have been issued and approximately 12 groups have permits for the use of the big league, little league, softball and multi-purpose fields.

**NEWSLETTER** – The article that was created by Tony Blanco about East Bradford Park is getting excellent exposure on the first page of the Winter 2014 newsletter. Another park will be targeted for the next newsletter.

**UPDATES –**

**Eagle Scout Project – Shaw’s Bridge Park** – Mr. Hamel reported that the Scout is currently putting together the information that will be posted in the kiosk, which has been installed.

**Eagle Scout Project – East Bradford Park sand box** - Mrs. Bausinger reported this will be completed when the weather cooperates.

**Eagle Scout Project – Mt. Bradford Pond** – Mrs. Bausinger reported that the area is scheduled for clean up on April 5<sup>th</sup> with an army of scouts in attendance, along with some Master Gardeners to help oversee the removal of invasive plants and pruning of the shrubs to be retained.

**Pickle Ball Court** – Mrs. Bausinger reported that P & R Board has been authorized to go forward with the painting of the lines on the tennis court for use as a Pickle Ball Court.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**TRAILS COMMITTEE** – John Spangler, Chairman of the Trail Committee, reported that a meeting had been held earlier this week about Phase 5 of the Brandywine Trail. This segment is between Ingram’s Mill Nature Area and Stroud Preserve and has many engineering issues with road crossings and stream crossings. Mr. Spangler also said that the Brandywine Trail near the bridge between East & West Bradford, has erosion that will be repaired by volunteers in the spring.

Mr. Spangler also reported that Global XL Day of Giving will be taking place again this year with Global XL workers volunteering and helping at the Harmony Hill Nature Area.

He also mentioned that the question has arisen about plowing the Brandywine Trail. Currently West Bradford plows its section of the trail. Pro’s and cons included cross county skiers can’t use when plowed, plowing would be extra work for Public Works, if plowed would we have to salt if icy, salt is an environmental issue, have an agreement with West Bradford to plow to the covered bridge and leave the other section snow covered.

**TREE PLANTING** – John Snook reported that the area that was not planted at Brandywine Farm last year because they didn’t have enough trees, will be planted this spring on April 12<sup>th</sup> with the West Chester Rotary donating the trees.

**ADJOURN:**

On motion of Mr. Dwyer and second by Mr. Hamel the meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

**NOTICE: THE NEXT MEETING FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, March 26, 2014 AT 7:30 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tenley F. Adams  
Acting Secretary